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Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Niven that London East be granted water at one and one-third rate for a period of ten years, the necessary agreement to be made by No. 3 Committee and the commissioners and submitted to the Council before final adoption; the matter of particulars to be definitely settled before said offer be binding on the city of London.

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W. Y. Brunton & Son	88 05
Geo. Riddle	4 50
Jas. Perkins	167 98
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A. D. Cameron	162 85
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Fire Department—	
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Geo. McNeill	$46 14
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Railway passes	49 83
Advertising, printing, etc.—	
THE ADVERTISER	$183 84
Jas. I. Anderson	4 10
Ontario Gazette	3 00
E. A. Taylor	50 53
W. W Butcher	32 00
From Number Two Committee—	
Pay sheet to Jan. 31	$126 30
Pay sheet to Feb. 7	82 75
Ferguson Bros	10 41
Screaton & Gibson	600 00
John Bryan	18 00
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A. D. Cameron	241 86
Telegraph service	13 50
Deputation to Toronto	20 00
Total	$3,039 96

2. Petition of M. J. Kent, claim for interest, filed.

3. Petition of Southam & Brierley for increase on contract for heating city registry office not entertained

4. That the taxes of 1882, assessed against the property of Paul Phipps at the request of the owner, be charged against the real estate

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7 Petition of Mrs Packham re arrears and remission of taxes for 1883, be granted, by allowing a rebate of $4 25 on 1883 taxes.

8. Account of Wm Neil, $2 50, for cleaning and lighting school, be not entertained, but be referred to the deputy returning-officer of the third division, 7th Ward, for settlement.

9. Report funds for building Queen's avenue sewer, as per No. 2 Committee's report, clause 3.

10. Report funds ($120) for medical apparatus at city hospital.

11. That $10 be appropriated as the city's proportion of expenses incurred in connection with the recent conference re Municipal Assessment Act changes

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13 Progress re the communications of the Water Commissioners and W. W Fitzgerald, the latter on half of Huron & Middlesex Insurance Company.

14. Police Court Clerk's report for January.

15. Bylaw to transfer statute labor and dog tax roll from W. Bell to the tax collector.

16. Bylaw for appointing three trustees for the board of management of the Free Library.

Clauses up to 15 passed. The bylaw appointing J. K Clare and D. Lester collectors of statute labor and dog tax, in place of Wm. Bell, was read and passed. Clause 16 passed

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The bylaw appointing three trustees for the Board of Management, Free Public Library, was read. Nominations for the three-year term were made, as follows: Talbot Macbeth, J. W. Little, Dr. Brown, A O Jeffrey W Y. Brunton and John Marshall. Dr. Brown was elected on the sixth vote.

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The bylaw was read with the names inserted and passed.

PROTECTING CROSSINGS.

Ald Hewitt moved and Ald. O'Meara seconded, and it was carried,

That a committee consisting of the Mayor, Ald. Birrell, Beattie and Hewitt be appointed for the purpose of conferring with the authorities for the building or constructing of a convenient number of underground or overhead bridges over the railroad, so as to prevent the great inconvenience and annoyance to the residents of the southern portion of the city on account of the crossings being blocked, as at present.

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Clause 9 read. Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the clause be struck out. Lost, and a motion adopting the clause passed, with the addition of the names of Ald. O'Meara and Hewitt to the committee, empowered to sell the horses.

THE GAS CONTRACT.

On motion of Ald. Stringer and Hunt, No. 3 Committee was empowered to ascertain the cost of lighting the city streets either by gas or electricity and report to the Council.

LONDON WEST TROUBLES.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Bartram, S. Gibson, R. Hadden, J. Brodie, H. Emigh, R. A. Jones, R. Gash, R. Stinchcombe, W. Griffiths, J. Ackland, Thos. McGoey, J. Shupe, Joseph Andrews, and others from London West, appeared.

Mr. W. H. Bartram addressed the Council on his own and on behalf of other London West residents, whose lives and property were now jeopardized by imminent flood. He asked that the water gates at the waterworks dam be opened in order to lessen the danger by aiding in carrying down the ice.

The Engineer was heard.

On motion of Ald. Hunt and Skinner the matter was referred to No. 2 Committee.

A SHOW ON WHEELS

On motion the Forest City Bicycle Club was granted permission to close the exhibition grounds gates from 1 to 6 p. m. on May 24.

Account John Law for dog checks, $5.98, ordered to be paid

REPORT NO. 2 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hewitt, chairman: 1. Passage of pay sheets, $449.13; Moses Cox, on Park avenue, sewer, $132 60; Jas. McConnell blacksmithing, $23.85; Isaac Crouse, Victoria Bridge, $352.42.

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3. We suggest that the chairman of No. 3 Committee instruct the city electrician to raise the time ball, if in his opinion it will not interfere with his present duties. Adopted.

Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Niven seconded, that No. 2 Committee make application to No. 1 Committee for the funds necessary to put the interior of the City Hall in a proper condition; also to provide requisites for the Mayor's office.

KENSINGTON BRIDGE.

Ald. Hunt moved and Ald. Skinner seconded that the Chairman of the Joint Committee be requested to withhold his signature from the contract for rebuilding Kensington bridge.

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THIRD REPORT OF NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman. 1. Payment of the following accounts: Hospital—James Campbell, $265; James Cassidy, $31; Fire Department pay sheet, $323 31. No. 2 Committee—Pay sheet to Feb. 14, $141 22; to Feb. 21, $178 ; to Feb. 28, $129 52; W. H. & C. E. Smith, $15 90, Isaac Crouse, $352 42; J. McConnell, $23 85; Moses Cox, $132 50. Coroners' inquests—Dr. Smith, $2; Dr. Waugh, $20; auditors' salaries to Dec. 31, 1883, $250; Bell Telephone Company, $11 45; cab to ice jam, $2; deputation to Toronto, $20; County Middlesex—Jury expenses, $1,822 41. Total, $3,692 97.

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3. That petition of Miss Christie for remission of taxes on property occupied by Newsboy's Home be granted by allowing a rebate of half the taxes for 1883.

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5. Petition of C. J. Anderson, error in sewer rate, be allowed and the sum of $4 46 be collected; and your committee beg to recommend that the City Clerk be requested to note this and all similar corrections on the several bylaws authorizing the collection of sewer rates.

6. The petition of the Huron & Middlesex Insurance Company, per W. W. Fitzgerald, be granted an taxes struck off.

7. Petition of Leonard Ardiel, error in arrears of taxes be allowed and charge struck off.

8. Petitions of W. H. Bartlett, for tax remission, and Wm. Hockin, error in assessment, be filed.

9. Communications of Pratt & Tracy re municipal handbook; City Clerk Hamilton re Police Commissioners, and P. C. Ross, soliciting advertisements, be filed.

10. Progress in petitions of J. H. Flock, Alex. Harvey, Jane Insell, Ellen Fletcher, L. Lloyd, M. Donnelly, Ann Brandon, J. Ryan, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Camberledge.

11. Progress in the accounts of A. O. Graydon, S. F. Peters re bridge arbitration.

12. Auditors' report for the year 1883 received and adopted.

PUGILISTIC.

Ald. Stringer then moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the exhibition to be given in the City Hall next Wednesday is an offence against one of the city bylaws (page 20, clause 6) which prohibits any exhibition of an immoral character taking place inside the city limits.

Lost on the following division: Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Beattie and Stringer; nays—Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Hewitt, Scarrow and Niven.

Ald. Birrell took the chair.

A SPECIAL RELIEF GRANT.

On motion of Mayor Hyman, seconded by Ald. Hunt, the 84th rule of order was suspended.

The Mayor moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that $200 be paid by the City Treasurer to the manager of the soup-kitchen, and also that a vote of thanks be tendered the Y. M. C. A. and the ladies who have so faithfully labored in carrying out this laudable scheme of relief. The Mayor said the kitchen had been a great saving to the corporation, and that it cost $2 in cash to run it besides, all the gratuitous offerings of produce, etc. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that his Worship the Mayor be requested to so arrange the hours during which Municipal Offices are open daily, Sundays excepted, that they shall remain open from the hour of opening to the hour closing without intermission. Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. O'Meara—That the motion granting water to London East at 1⅓ rate be reconsidered.

Ald. Beattie—That hereafter city officials be elected by ballot.

WOOD FOR RELIEF.

Mayor Hyman reported verbally that the wood contract had been awarded Mr. Geo. McNeil at $5 50 per cord. Report confirmed.

Adjourned for two weeks.